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The Believing Remnant in the Messianic Kingdom

4: 2-6

Isaiah now ends the larger section beginning in **2:1**. **He** started with the announcement of **Isra'el's** destiny, meaning both the northern and southern Kingdoms, as a people of **God**, through whom the Torah could be made known to the world. That vision, however, stood in direct contrast to their present condition during **Isaiah's** lifetime. Basically **she** was reduced to Judah and Jerusalem, and even then Judah was being taught by the world instead of teaching it. **She** was learning dependence on human leadership for her survival. But in a series of stunning contrasts, **Isaiah** demonstrates how such dependence does not elevate, but rather, humiliates (**2:6** to **4:1**). The climactic contrast appears in **3:16-4:1**, where Jerusalem is compared to the haughty ladies of Jerusalem who will be reduced to abject misery by the coming Babylonian Captivity.



Nonetheless, does this prophetic destruction mean that **the LORD** has given up on **Isra'el**? Had **her** sins piled up too high? Was **her** destiny unreachable? There are those, even today, that would agree with that. But **ADONAI** refutes this and answers those critics in **4:2-6**. **He will not give up on His people Isra'el**. In fact, the coming purification of the Babylonian Exile will only serve to mold **His** people into what **He** always wanted them to be (**4:4**). **Isaiah** reinforces **his** belief that the redeemed nation is unified with **her** past by using a number of allusions from **the Exodus** (**4:5-6**). **They** will not lose **their** royal priesthood (see the commentary on **Exodus**, [to see link click De - You Will Be For Me a Kingdom of Priests](#)), indeed, they will find it (**Malachi 3:3-4**).

*The fact that **God** will not give up on **Isra'el** because of **her** sins is good news for you and me today. If we are united in **Christ** by faith, nothing **in all creation** will **be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Messiah Yeshua our Lord (Romans 8:39b)**. If **He** would have given up on **Isra'el** because of **her** sin, then **He** could give up on you because of your sin! But because **He** is the **Promise Keeper**, that will never happen. You can be secure in your relationship with **Him**. You can count on **Him**. Praise **God!***

This is a further description of the Messianic Kingdom and the happy state of the believing remnant, the survivors of the storm in which all the wicked have been swept away. The Land will be purified and the Sh'khinah glory of the LORD visible, while His divine protection will ensure safety and eternal peace. This is a vision of redemption just before the long message of indictment and judgment in **Chapter 5**. **ADONAI**, through **His** prophet **Isaiah**, always tempers **His** judgment with hope.